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LOCAL DAYCARE PROVIDER ARRESTED FOR SEX ABUSE OF A CHILD



RIVERSIDE, CA – Last month in January 2023, an allegation was reported to the Riverside Police Department regarding sex abuse of a child that occurred approximately 3 years ago. Detectives assigned to the Sexual Assault – Child Abuse (SACA) Unit began an investigation when a second victim came forward to report similar allegations that occurred in December 2022 involving the same suspect. An arrest warrant was obtained and the suspect, 53-year-old Ladislao Diaz-Cuevas of Riverside, was arrested earlier today. He was later booked into the Riverside County Sheriff's jail ward at Riverside University Health Systems for charges of sexual abuse upon a child under the age of 14, and is currently being held on \$500,000 bail.

Detectives learned Mr. Diaz-Cuevas operates the Little Steps Family Daycare, located in the 11000 block of Oriole Drive in Riverside. They believe there may be additional victims who have not yet been identified, so they are asking those with additional and relevant information regarding this investigation to contact SACA Detective Jolynn Turner at (951) 826-8716 or JTurner@RiversideCA.gov.



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